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Thousand Springs Water Model Meeting Set for Aug. 25 in Hagerman

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State water managers are ready to show stakeholders in the Thousand Springs area, where they are in the process of developing a new water-modeling tool to help manage surface water in the area.

A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 2004 in Hagerman, at the American Legion Hall, 281 N. State Street, starting at 7pm. Information is also available on the IDWR web site: www.idwr.state.id.us under the top visitor pick of "surface water modeling."

This is the fourth and final meeting on development of the model, known as the MikeBasin model.

Water management in the Thousand Springs area is transitioning from a period when there was plenty of water for everybody, to the present, which brings increased demands and reduced supplies.

The MikeBasin model will serve as management tool for surface water flows in the areas below the rim of the Snake River Canyon. Conjunctive administration of springs, streams, and ground water north of the Snake River between Twin Falls and King Hill, are presently a focus of water distribution and management challenges.

The meeting is open to the public and is being held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need special assistance to attend or participate in the meeting, please contact Dr. Sudhir Goyal at (208) 327-7980 in advance so that arrangements can be made.